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Yes, it's that time again! Please send me your updates for the elected official monthly update on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site by COB Thursday, Aug. 2. Here is last month's input.

## **I. Community Outreach**

EPA participated in a community meeting on June 14, 2012, hosted by the San Jacinto River Coalition and Texans Together to update residents on site developments and schedules. The well-attended meeting held at the Highlands Texas Methodist Church included presentations by EPA on site cleanup work and color-coding, an EPA initiative.

## **II. Source Stabilization**

EPA conducted the second quarterly cap inspection in May 2012. The inspection consisted of reviewing the integrity of the armor cap, site security, fencing, and site signage. No issues of concern were identified during the inspection.

## **III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)**

Analysis and validation of the Southern Impoundment soil, sediment, and groundwater samples collected in early May is continuing with results expected in July. The EPA and partner agencies completed regulatory reviews and comments on the draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment and the comments were relayed to the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). Several conference calls regarding the Fate and Transport Model Study were also held with the PRPs. EPA received a revised sediment sampling plan for the River Fleet property located northwest of the waste pits in response to the regulatory comments. Reviews of this revised sampling plan are in progress now. The cap porewater samplers were installed in early June and are expected to be pulled in early July for analysis.

## **IV. Watershed Management**

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

## **V. Enforcement**

The potentially responsible party group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the order.

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